

GROUPS SUPPORT DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP ACTION ON SUBPRIME FORECLOSURE CRISIS

National NeighborWorks Association Executive Director Dave C. Brown:

“The members of the National NeighborWorks Association have never before seen such a high demand for counseling and foreclosure assistance. The experience of the last quarter suggests the need for foreclosure counseling will continue to overstretch resources. The National NeighborWorks Association applauds the continued efforts of Senator Schumer and of the Democratic leadership and urges the entire Congress and the Administration to do what is necessary to assist the millions of families currently facing foreclosure, but also provide the legislative and political leadership to avoid such a crisis in the future.”

NID Housing Counseling Agency:

“NID-HCA applauds the efforts announced at the U. S. Capitol today by House and Senate Democratic leaders to implement additional immediate, bold and effective measures to address this crisis resulting from lax, predatory and possibly even fraudulent practices in the sub prime home loan mortgage origination and securitization industries.”

Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN):

“ACORN is pleased with today’s announcement by the Democratic leadership that it hopes to work with the Administration to support efforts that will aggressively help millions of borrowers trapped in unaffordable loans. In particular, ACORN supports more funding for foreclosure prevention and has called on servicers to modify loans on a larger scale.” – ACORN National

“Housing counseling agencies across the country are on the front lines of the current foreclosure crisis. We need Congress and the Administration to assist those organizations that have a proven track record of assisting troubled borrowers but are in need of greater resources to reach and intervene on the behalf of many more delinquent borrowers facing foreclosure.” – ACORN National President Maude Hurd.

National Community Reinvestment Coalition:

“We applaud Speaker Pelosi, Senate Majority Leader Reid and Senators Dodd and Schumer and Representatives Frank and Maloney for taking leadership on the current foreclosure crisis being experienced in communities across the nation; more than 2 million homeowners could potentially lose their homes to foreclosure. While regional economic downturn has played a role in this wave of foreclosures, a significant amount are also attributable to unfair and deceptive lending practices targeted at financially vulnerable working families.

“Congress should respond to the current crisis in three ways: First it should support efforts to help homeowners sustain their homes including providing funding for loan workouts and refinancing, that meets the magnitude of the problem, into more appropriate products to meet their unique consumer needs. Second, anti predatory lending legislation should be approved that provides strong national standards that eliminates the abuses that have led to the current crisis, including irresponsible loan products, combined with inappropriate underwriting, among other abuses. Third, Congress should empower and encourage GSEs to take an expanded role, particularly with respect to low and moderate income and minority borrowers in this time of need.”